

# News Release



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## Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park

### **Black History Month Celebrated at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park**

**EARLIMART** - Park officials announced today that there will be two open house events at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park in February to celebrate Black History Month. These events will be co-sponsored by California State Parks and The Friends of Allensworth Association. The events will be held on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

These events provide an opportunity to visit and learn more about the town of Allensworth and its founders. There will be park staff and volunteers to provide tours of the historic buildings.

Allensworth is the only California town to be founded, financed and governed by African-Americans. Colonel Allen Allensworth founded the town in 1908, which was dedicated to the principle of improving the economic and social status of African-Americans.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park has an entry fee of \$3 per passenger vehicle (\$2 for senior citizens), \$18 per bus (24 or fewer passengers) or \$36 per bus (25 or more passengers). Fifteen camping sites are available in the campground for \$8 per night.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is located in Tulare County on State Highway 43. It is approximately 75 miles south of Fresno and 40 miles north of Bakersfield.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a lunch and enjoy the picnic facilities available on a first come first serve basis.

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